since submitted its report:

(c) if so, what are the main recommendations thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) A Committee was set up to carry out an indepth study of the shortages in coal stocks in BCCL. The Committe's report has been received and follow up action has been initiated. It is felt that giving details of the report at this stage may prejudice the course of action and it may not be in the public interest.

Coal lying at pit-heads of coal mines

3493. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantity of coal was lying at pit-heads of coal mines in the country at the end of March, 1994;

(b) if so, the quantity and value thereof;

(c) whether the average quantity of this coal during 1993-94 has been more in comparison to the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have fixed any time limit/target for the disposal of this coal; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) The quantity of pit-head coal stocks and its value at the mines of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) as on 31.3.92, 31.3.93 and 31.3.94 were as under:

As on	Coal Stock (In million tonnes)	Value of Coal Stock (Rs. in crores)
31.3.92	47.64	1404.69
31.3.93	50.10	1660.64
31.3.94 (Prov.)	49.69	1681.26

(e) and (f) It has been informed by Coal India Limited that as per their annual action plan, 8.56 million tonnes of coal stock is to be liquidated during 1994-95.

Royalty on lignite

3494. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal for the upward revision of rate of royalty on lignite;

(b) if so, since when the proposal is pending with Government; and

(c) by when Government is likely to clear the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Proposal received in February, 1994.

(c) No time could be fixed now.

Additional new coal projects

3495. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of additional new coal projects sanctioned during the period of Seventh Five Year Plan, Year-wise and in the first two years of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) how much additional prodution in terms of all grades of coal, both coking as